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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST TURKEY PRESS SUMMARY

DECEMBER 10, 2003

1. This is the Southeastern Turkey press summary for December 10, 2003. Please note that Turkish press reports often contain errors or exaggerations; AmConsulate Adana does not vouch for the accuracy of the reports summarized here.

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2. Bolge, Turkiye / Police detained Yusuf Kaya, PKK/KADEK member, in Kahramanmaras. Police found one Kalashnikov rifle and 58 cartridges in Kaya's possession. Kaya is believed to have entered Turkey through Syria about two months ago.

3. Turkiye / Four members of PKK/KADEK surrendered in Silopi, Sirnak province. Security forces did not announce the names of the terrorists, but stated that the terrorists entered Turkey through the Habur gate.

4. Milliyet / The Cukurova Journalists Association and Adana Law Bar signed a protocol to cooperate in attacks on personal privacy, false reports and black mailing. According to the protocol, if a citizen applies to the Law Bar alleging that the press has treated him unfairly, the Law Bar will provide representation in court.

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